

Inniskeen - How to get here

M1 Dublin to South Dundalk
Follow the Carrickmacross R178
For approximately 5 miles. At Channonrock
Junction (The Rock Inn) turn right for Inniskeen.

N2 from Dublin
Exit Carrickmacross. Left along R178 to Essexford.
Left at Kelly's pub for Inniskeen.

From Belfast to Dundalk bypass via Newry
Exit from Dundalk town centre. Follow the
Carrickmacross R178 for approx. 5 miles.
At Channonrock (The Rock Inn) turn right for Inniskeen
LP1140

Accommodation

Accommodation available in a variety of hotels and guest-
houses in the Inniskeen and Carrickmacross areas.

Booking Information:

Course Fee €100

The price includes all tuition, lunch and refreshments.
Accommodation can be arranged in local quality B &
B's. A separate charge will apply. All payments should
be made in Euro.

A non-refundable deposit of €50 applies to all bookings
accompanied by the booking form below.

BOOKING FORM

Poetry Weekend 2009

Name _____

Full address _____

Phone/Fax _____

Email _____

Enclose €50 deposit. Bookings will
be acknowledged.

To The Man After The Harrow

Now leave the check-reins slack,
The seed is flying far today-
The seed, like stars against the black
Eternity of April clay.

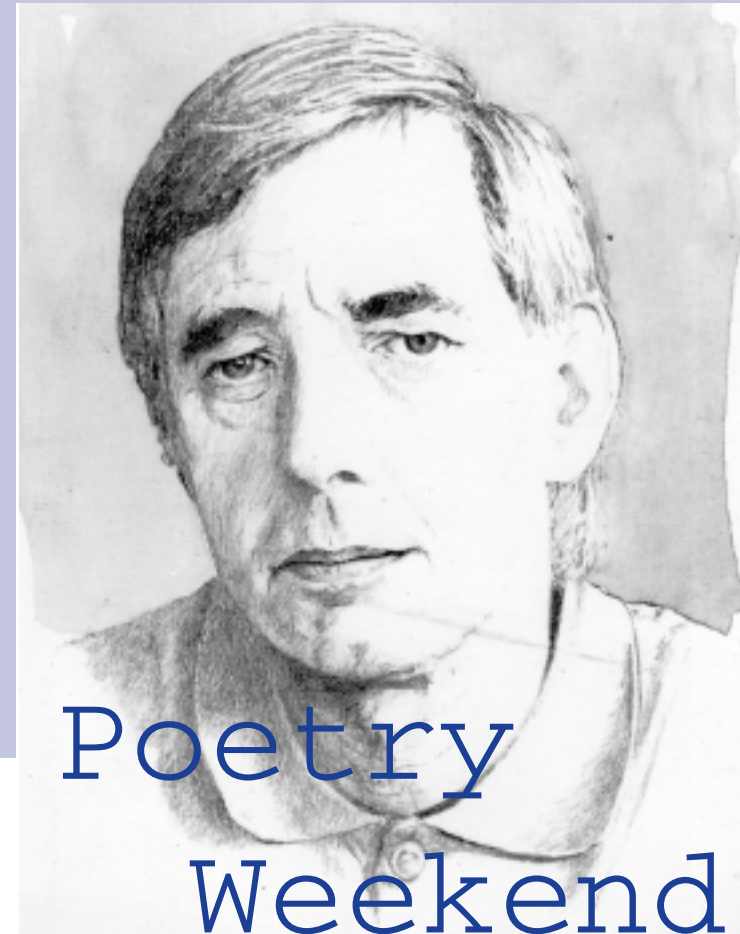
This seed is potent as the seed
Of knowledge in the Hebrew Book,
So drive your horses in the creed
Of God the Father as a stook.

Forget the men on Brady's hill,
Forget what Brady's boy may say,
For destiny will not fulfil
Unless you let the harrow play.

Forget the worm's opinion, too,
Of hooves and pointed harrow-pins,
For you are driving your horses through
The mist where Genesis begins.

Patrick Kavanagh 1904 - 1967

The Patrick Kavanagh Rural & Literary Resource Centre Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan



Poetry Weekend

Director: Desmond Egan
Sat 25th - Sun 26th April 2009

Special thanks to:



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'Who knows that art's a kind of fun?
That all true poems laugh inwardly
Out of grief-born intensity.'

From Prelude By Patrick Kavanagh.

THE ANNUAL

POETRY WEEKEND

Introduction:

The Patrick Kavanagh Centre is the venue for this weekend of poetry workshops in which acclaimed poet and author, Desmond Egan, will direct participants.

The Centre, which is dedicated to Patrick Kavanagh, one of Ireland's best loved poets is located in the picturesque and tranquil village of Inniskeen which nestles among the Monaghan drumlins. Over the centuries, this ancient landscape has been an inspiration for legends and a home to poets and proved to be such a rich source of inspiration for Patrick Kavanagh, prompting him to 'dabble in verse'. The locale hasn't changed since Kavanagh's time, providing the perfect backdrop for this weekend of literary activity.

This weekend course is suitable for both beginners and those who have written some poetry. If you are a poet, please bring along one or two poems which can be read and discussed by the class and by the Director, in a positive spirit.

From this will emerge some suggestions i.e. mistakes to avoid or lines to develop. Over the course of the workshops, various tips for writing will be given. The workshop will provide a vocabulary and place for the critical evaluation of participants' work in a progress-oriented way

Finally, there will be a topic and Class exercise in writing. A reading list will also be suggested.

2009

Saturday 25th April

9.30am Registration at the Patrick Kavanagh Centre

10am Workshop 1

12.30pm Lunch

2pm-5pm Workshop 2

Sunday 26th April

11am Workshop 3

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Depart Inniskeen

WORKSHOP DIRECTOR:

Desmond Egan

Athlone born, Desmond Egan, is a full time writer living and working near Newbridge in Co. Kildare. To date, he has published twenty three Collections of Poetry: two of Prose and two Translations of Greek Plays.

Collections of his Poetry, in translation, have appeared in book form in: France (5); Germany (2); Japan; China; Italy (4); Greece; Netherlands; Poland; Luxembourg; Croatia; Spain; Czech Republic (2); Hungary; Russia; Bulgaria – all, in dual-language format.

Two critical Studies of his Poetry have been published in the U.S.A by leading scholars: Hugh Kenner and Brian Arkins; and a Documentary DVD has recently been brought out in USA for PBS Television.

His poem, PEACE was adopted as part of a celebration of Peace for the Millennium and was translated into 35 languages. (He may be seen reading this poem on You Tube at an International Poetry Festival in South America).

Awards: National Poetry Foundation of USA Award 1983. Chicago Haymarket Literary Award, 1987. The Farrell Prize, 1988. Osaka University (Japan) Citation, 1986. Pilgrims Progress Prize, 1983. The Bologna Literary Award, 1988. Macedonian Poetry Award 2004. Honorary Doctorate: Washburn University, USA, 1996. Macedonian Poetry Prize, 2004. Prix de Livre Insulaire 2005, Salon International de Livre Insulaire Ile d'Ouessant, Bretagne.

